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INVENTION : **Betaine/GABA Transport Protein  
Biopolymer Marker Indicative of  
Insulin Resistance**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 12, 2004**

Sir:

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Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

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